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I am happy to see that the Justice dept is beginning to go after the mega corp. But I feel that the proposal that Microsoft is making is not one of justice, but one to increase there control over the computer industry. If Microsoft was to supply all the schools with Microsoft products then it will just increases there already exploding income and do nothing but increase there hold on the students in there future. If they are trained on Microsoft product in school then that will be all they know when they graduate and that will be all they will buy and support. Is this a good punishment for Microsoft? A punishment that will increase there profits and improve there monopoly in the computer industry in the future.

But with an open source operating system like Linux, then the student will have a choice and be able to be exposed to two types of O/S. And with the open source software the students will be able to learn more about the computer with the ability to program and learn just how an operating system works in stead of moving a mouse and click on a screen.

Go ahead and let Microsoft add there software to the schools, but also have them add another operating system so the students can make there choice and learn different Operating systems